

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 and 32-41 remain pending herein. Claim 31 is hereby canceled without prejudice or waiver of the right to pursue the subject matter of said claim in this or another application. Claims 17, 19-22, 30, 35, 37, and 38 have been amended. No new claim has been added. All other claims remain the same. Reconsideration of the claims as pending is respectfully requested.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 1-16.

Claims 17-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd para. as being indefinite. Insofar as it may apply to the present claims, this rejection is traversed.

Claim 17 is amended herein to remove the clauses regarding optional elements and to remove the parenthetical clause.

Claim 19 is amended herein to require the first optional element previously included in claim 17.

Claim 20 is amended herein to add the period.

Claims 21-22 are amended herein to require the second optional element previously included in claim 17.

Claim 30 is amended herein to change its dependency and correct the antecedent basis language.

Claim 37 is amended herein to change its dependency and more narrowly limit the subject matter of claim 36 as originally intended.

Claim 38 is amended herein to change its dependency to correct the antecedent basis issue.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by way of these amendments as they are fully supported by the specification and claims as filed. Accordingly, applicant submits that this rejection of the claims has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

Claims 20 and 31 stand objected to based upon some informalities, which have been corrected by way of the present amendment. Accordingly, applicant submits that the objection of the claims has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.


Claim 35 has been amended to change the range for aqueous salinity to 1 to 65. Support for this is found in the specification as filed (page 9, lines 4-5).

Entry of the amendments indicated herein and in the "Amendments to the Claims" into the record is requested.

In view of all the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are patentable over the art of record and in form for allowance. An early notice of allowance thereof is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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